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TAGS: CI, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SEC VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

REF: SANTIAGO 1889

1. LEADING NEWSPAPER "EL MERCURIO" AND GOC-OWNED "LA PATRIA" CARRIED EDITORIALS APRIL 1 ON SECRETARY'S VISIT. MERCURIO REFERRED TO EFFORT OF FIVE US SENATORS TO CONVINCE SECRETARY TO SKIP CHILE, AND TO "LE MONDE DIPLOMATIQUE" STORY (REFTEL). EDITORIAL POINTED OUT THAT SECRETARY HAS GRAVE WORLD PROBLEMS TO CONCERN HIM AND THAT: "NO ONE CAN SUPPOSE THAT (KISSINGER) WILL WANT TO DEPRIVE UNITED STATES OF MORE FRIENDS, BY PRESENTING REMONSTRANCES INCOMPATIBLE WITH NON-INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND WITH THE DEFENSE OF NATIONAL DIGNITY" "LA PATRIA" STATED FLATLY: "THE PROBLEMS OF CHILE, OBVIOUSLY, ARE THOSE OF CHILE AND THE ONES TO FACE AND RESOLVE THEM ARE THE CHILEANS." EDITORIAL ADDED: "KISSINGER DOES NOT COME TO CHILE TO TELL US WHAT WE MUST OR MUST NOT DO."

2. AFTER AMBASSADOR INFORMED HIM MARCH 31 OF POSTPONEMENT OF SECRETARY'S LA TRIP TO WEEK OF APRIL 20, FONMIN CARVAJAL REPORTED SUBSTANCE OF INFORMATION TO PRESS. CARVAJAL DENIED CABLE STORIES FROM WASHINGTON THAT VISIT WOULD BE CANCELLED
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IN WHOLE OR PART (I.E. CHILE).

3. PRESS FEATURED UPI STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON MARCH 31
REPORTING THAT "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" SAY DEPT. IS MOVING
AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR VISIT DESPITE CONGRESSIONAL SUGGESTIONS
THAT SECRETARY ELIMINATE CHILE FROM SCHEDULE.
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